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SUBJ: VISIT BY VICE PRESIDENT TO ISRAEL

1. WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL BE VISITING ISRAEL. BEGIN AND DAYAN HAVE NOW GIVEN THEIR ENTHUSIASTIC CONCURRENCE AND THE JUNE 30-JULY 3 DATES ARE FINE. HOWEVER THEY NEED TO CONSULT FURTHER WITH DULZIN (WHO IS IN LONDON) RE SPONSORSHIP OF VISIT - AND SUGGEST ANNOUNCEMENT BE MADE ONLY LATE NEXT WEEK. (OBVIOUS THAT GOI WILL INSIST ON HANDLING MORE AS OFFICIAL VISIT, THOUGH DULZIN'S ORGANIZATION WILL PLAY SOME ROLE.) IF ANY PRESS LEAKS OCCUR, SUGGEST WE SAY MERELY THAT AN INVITATION HAS BEEN PENDING FOR SOME TIME AND IS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION - WITHOUT SPECIFYING WHO IS EXTENDED INVITATION.

2. WE AGREE THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT SHOULD BE A MEANS OF DRAMATIZING THE ENORMOUS COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS WOULD HIGHLIGHT THE MANY HISTORIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL TIES WHICH BIND US.

3. THE FOLLOWING VERY PRELIMINARY, ILLUSTRATIVE SCHEDULE,
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PUT TOGETHER BY THE EMBASSY STAFF WITHOUT OUTSIDE CONSULTATIONS, IS INTENDED TO GIVE A GENERAL IDEA OF THE KINDS OF OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL ACTIVITIES WHICH WOULD FIT THE THEME OF THE VISIT. THE GOI WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE ADDITIONAL IDEAS, AND WE WILL BE CONSULTING URGENTLY ON THE PROGRAM WITH THEM MONDAY.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

1500 - ARRIVAL BEN GURION AIRPORT
ARRIVAL CEREMONY
ARRIVAL STATEMENT ON AIRPORT APRON
1545 - DEPART FOR JERUSALEM
1630 - ARRIVE KING DAVID HOTEL IN JERUSALEM
1700 - INFORMAL BRIEFING BY AMBASSADOR LEWIS FOR MONDALES
AND STAFF IN VICE-PRESIDENT'S SUITE
1800 - FREE EVENING, WITH OPTION OF MONDALE AND LEWIS
FAMILIES HAVING QUIET DINNER TOGETHER AT 2000. (NOTE:
DURING SHABBAT, WHICH MEANS FROM SUNSET FRIDAY TO SUNSET
SATURDAY, NO OFFICIAL EVENTS CAN BE SCHEDULED, AND VISIBLE
ACTIVITY IN JERUSALEM SHOULD BE MINIMIZED.)

SATURDAY, JULY 1

0930 - DEPART KING DAVID BY CAR FOR KENNEDY FOREST
1000-1030 - VISIT KENNEDY FOREST FOR TREE PLANTING CEREMONY
1100 - ARRIVE AT KIBBUTZ (ONE WITH AN AMERICAN CONNECTION
PROBABLY WILL BE SELECTED)
1100-1300 - TOUR KIBBUTZ AND HAVE LUNCH WITH KIBBUTZ
MEMBERS
1330-1500 - VISIT NEWLY OPENED MUSEUM OF THE DIASPORA IN
TEL AVIV (MUSEUM IS UNIQUE TRIBUTE TO HISTORY OF JEWISH
PEOPLE THROUGHOUT WORLD - CONCEIVED BY NAHUM GOLDMAN)
1515-1600 - CALL ON GOLDA MEIR AT HER HOME IN TEL AVIV
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1620-1650 - VISIT WITH US COMMUNITY AT AMERICAN SCHOOL
DURING TRADITIONAL FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC WHICH WILL BE IN
PROGRESS. (SCHOOL IS IN NORTH SUBURB OF TEL AVIV, NEAR AMB'S
RESIDENCE).
1700-1930 - FREE TIME AT AMB'S RESIDENCE FOR SWIM AND
RELAXATION.
1930 - DINNER HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR (SEE DETAILS BELOW)
2230 - RETURN TO JERUSALEM

SUNDAY, JULY 2

0855 - DEPART KING DAVID FOR PRESIDENT NAVON'S RESIDENCE
0900-0930 - CALL ON PRESIDENT NAVON
0945-1030 - LAY WREATH AND TOUR YAD VASHEM HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL
1045-1130 - CALL ON PRIME MINISTER BEGIN
1130-1215 - MEETING WITH SMALL GROUP OF OTHER CABINET
MINISTERS (E.G. YADIN, WEIZMAN, BURG ERLICH) (SEE BELOW)
1215-1315 - MEETING WITH KNESSET SECURITY AND FOREIGN
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1315-1500 - LUNCH IN KNESSET, HOSTED BY SPEAKER OF KNESSET
1500 - RETURN TO KING DAVID
1530-1600 - MEETING WITH DAYAN
1600-1630 - MEETING WITH PERES

1630-2000 - FREE TIME (NOTE: A TV INTERVIEW WITH THE MONDALE
FAMILY COULD BE TAPED DURING THIS TIME, IF DESIRED)
2000-2300 - DINNER HOSTED BY THE U.S. ISRAEL FRIENDSHIP
SOCIETY AT WHICH THE VP WILL GIVE HIS MAJOR ADDRESS
(AUDIENCE WOULD BE SEVERAL HUNDRED, INCLUDING BEGIN,
CABINET MEMBERS, ETC.
2300 - RETURN TO KING DAVID

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MONDAY, JULY 3
0900-0930 - TOUR OF LIBERTY BELL PARK WITH MAYOR TEDDY
KOLLEK (NEWLY COMPLETED PARK NEAR KING DAVID, LARGELY BUILT
WITH FUNDS FROM AMERICAN BENEFACTORS)
0945-1030 - TOUR HADASSAH HOSPITAL
1045 - LEAVE BY HELICOPTER FOR TEL AVIV
1115-1315 - INAUGURATE NEW EAST-EUROPEAN/RUSSIAN REFUGEE
ABSORPTION CENTER (BUILT WITH US PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FUNDS -
NEAR TEL AVIV - LUNCH AT CENTER WITH REFUGEES.
1330-1430 - POSSIBLE VISIT TO NATANYA (SISTER CITY OF
MINNEAPOLIS - OR VISIT BEN GURION HOUSE/MUSEUM IN DOWNTOWN
TEL AVIV
1500 - ARRIVE BEN GURION AIRPORT FOR PRESS CONFERENCE
1600 - WHEELS UP

4. THERE ARE MANY ALTERNATIVES TO THE ABOVE WHICH WE
CAN EXPLORE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE SUNDAY SCHEDULE COULD BE
REARRANGED TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CHURCH SERVICES.
PLEASE ADVISE. ANOTHER OPTION IS TO BUILD A MONDAY
SCHEDULE AROUND A TRIP TO BEERSHEVA WHERE THE VP COULD
VISIT BEN GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV (THE HHH
MEMORIAL SOCIAL ECOLOGY INSTITUTE WILL SOON BE ESTABLISHED

THERE), A JOINT US-ISRAEL SCIENTIFIC PROJECT ON WIND
ENERGY AND KIBBUTZ SDE BOKER, BEN GURION'S HOME AND DESERT
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RETREAT. AT OTHER TIMES WE COULD WORK IN TRIPS TO GALILEE AND
TIBERIUS, THE ISRAEL MUSEUM, TRUMAN INSTITUTE (ON MOUNT
SCOPUS - REQUIRES TRAVEL THROUGH EAST JERUSALEM), AND
ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES. SEPARATE SCHEDULES, WHERE
APPROPRIATE, ARE UNDER PREPARATION FOR MRS MONDALE
AND DAUGHTER AND WILL BE SUBMITTED SOONEST. HAS
MRS MONDALE VISITED ISRAEL BEFORE AND IF SO WHAT HAS SHE
SEEN? HOW OLD IS MISS MONDALE AND DOES SHE HAVE
ANY SPECIAL INTERESTS?

5. I HAVE IN MIND FOR THE DINNER SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE
RESIDENCE EITHER A STAG WORKING AFFAIR OF APPROXIMATELY
15 KEY POLITICAL ISRAELI FIGURES (MY WIFE AND MRS MONDALE
COULD, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE DINNER AND VISIT ART GALLERIES
AND CRAFT SHOPS IN OLD JAFFA WHILE THIS IS GOING ON),
OR 15-20 ISRAELI COUPLES FOR A MORE SOCIAL TYPE EVENT.
I EXPECT ALL OF THESE PEOPLE WITH WIVES WILL ALSO ATTEND
THE SUNDAY DINNER, BUT THERE WILL BE LITTLE CHANCE THERE
FOR MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING
VICE PRESIDENT'S PREFERENCE.

6. THE SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS WITH SENIOR CABINET MINISTERS
AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER YADIN IS A LITTLE TRICKY. IT
MAY BE THAT WE CAN HANDLE IT AS INDICATED ABOVE (SEE
SUNDAY ITINERARY). HOWEVER, IF YADIN AND WEIZMAN WANT
PRIVATE TALKS, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO REFUSE. WE WILL
HAVE TO PLAY THIS PRETTY MUCH BY EAR.

7. AS YOU WILL NOTE, WE HAVE THE VPS MAJOR ADDRESS
SLATED FOR THE SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER. THIS WOULD BE
EITHER IN THE LARGE RECEPTIONHALL AT THE KNESSET OR
THE JERUSALEM HILTON. WE WILL SEND A SEPARATE MESSAGE
ON MONDAY WITH SUGGESTED THEMES FOR THE SUBSTANCE OF
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THE SPEECH. THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL ALSO BE EXPECTED
TO SAY A FEW WORDS AT THE KNESSET LUNCH.

FIRMLY HELD ISRAELI TRADITION IS THAT ONLY HEADS OF
STATE ARE INVITED TO ADDRESS THE KNESSET FORMALLY,
AND EVEN THIS IS RARE. RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT WE
NOT TRY TO PERSUADE GOI TO CHANGE ESTABLISHED PRACTICE.

8. WE PROPOSE TO HANDLE THE PROBLEM OF EAST JERUSALEM AND THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES BY KEEPING THE VICE PRESIDENT AWAY FROM THEM. SINCE HE HAS ALREADY VISITED THE OLD CITY (IN 1974), FORESEE NO PROBLEM. IF MRS MONDALE WANTS TO VISIT THE HOLY SITES, WE WILL ARRANGE THROUGH OUR CONSULATE GENERAL IN JERUSALEM.

9. SINCE IT PROBABLY WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO DO ALL THE STAFF WORK ON AN EXPANDED CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM BEFORE THE VP'S VISIT, THE MOST WE ARE LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO DO IS ANNOUNCE AGREEMENT TO THIS EFFECT. THIS COULD OCCUR IN THE VP'S SPEECH OR BE ANNOUNCED JOINTLY BY THE VP AND PRIME MINISTER AFTER THEIR MEETING ON SUNDAY.

10. THE EMBASSY CONTROL FOR THE VISIT WILL BE ECONOMIC COUNSELOR SAMUEL F HART (OFFICE TELEPHONE 54338, EXTENSION 261; HOME 937-173). WE PREFER THE KING DAVID FOR THIS VISIT FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT IS AGREEABLE. WOULD APPRECIATE THE BEST GUESSES YOU CAN GET RIGHT AWAY ON THE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE IN THE OFFICIAL PARTY, THE PRESS AND OTHER ACCOMPANYING PEOPLE AND ANY OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. LEWIS

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